position of demand and availability of power. During the period April to June, 1987,there was an overall power shortage of 20.3 per cent in Bihar.

(c) and (d) No scheme from Bihar is pending for sanction with REC as on 30-6-1987. Rural electrification schemes are considered and sanctioned by REC as and when received by them subject to the techno-economic feasibility and availability of funds)

Abolishing DPEA

122. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Drugs Price Equalisation Account was set up to encourage bulk drug production from basic stages and save poor consumer exploitation by drug Industry;

(b) whether it is also a fact that his Ministry is proposing to abolish this account;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Drug Industry has overcharged the consumer to the tune of Eight to Ten hundred crores;

(d) what are the reasons for not collecting this amount;

(e) whether it is also a fact that a provision will be made in the New Drugs Price Control Order that amount due will be collected and used for the purposes stipulated in the existing DPCO.

(f) whether it is a fact that his Ministry proposed to discontinue the existing system of retention and pooled pricing; and

(g) if so, on what basis this amount will be collected?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (f). It has been decided to discontinue the system of retention and pooled pricing.

(c) and (d). Actions to recover the amounts wherever due, have been taken as per due process of law.

(e). Yes, Sir.

(g) Details are given in the booklet 'Measures for Rationalisation Quality Control and Growth of Pharmaceutical Industry in India' Copies of which are available in Parliament Library.

Production of Turbutaline Sulphate

123. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Un-starred Question No. 939 given in the Rajya Sabha on 27th April, 1987 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Beta-hydroxy Ethyl Hydrazine and 3-Nitro, 2, furfuraldehyde diacetate are not used for the production of turbutaline sulphate;

(b) the names of the drug companies who are using these intermediates for the production of Turbutaline sulphate alongwith the details of other raw materials;

(c) whether it is also a fact that these intermediates are used for production of other drugs;

(d) if so, the names of those drugs alongwith stage of manufacture of each;

(e) whether it is a fact that 4-Hydroxy Zcetophenone 3, 4 diemino-betzophenone and Dimethylmine Ethyl Chloride Hcl are manufactured in the country;

(f) if so, the names of those companies alongwith the licensed capacity of each;

(g) whether it is also a fact that Tara Powder is known as Myrobolan Extract and is being produced by a large number of companies; and

(h) if so, what is the purpose of reduction of duty on these items?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) to (h) The information required is voluminuous. Time and efforts that would be spent in collecting the information are not likely to be commensurate witlh the results which will be achieved.

Recovery of Unintended Benefits

124. SHRI GHAN SHYAM SINGH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has issued notices to a number of drug companies for depositing the unintended benefit under Drug Equalisation Fund Account;

(b) if so, what is the totai number of companies to whom notices have been issued;

(c) the names of drug companies in whose favour claims have been finalised along with the amount due in each case;

(d) whether it is also a fact that notices have still to be issued on the basis of unintended benefits made on other drugs and formulations;

(e) if so, what are the names of other drugs and by when notices will be issued; and

(f) what is the approximate unintended benefit made by the drug industry from 1980 to 1987 and by when the total amount will be recovered?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) to (f). Necessary action to recover the amount into the DPEA, wherever due, has been taken as per due process of law. The details required in the question are quite voluminous and are not readily available. Time and effort required for collection of the same will not be commensurate with the results likely to be achieved.

Demand and Supply of Petro- .

125. SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government anticipate a wide gap between the availability and supply of petrochemicals in the country in the near future;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) how do Government propose to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE TN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH) (a) and (b). Details of gaps anticipated between demsnd and domestic availability of maior petrochemicals items in the country are as follows:

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	1987-88			1988-89		
	D	S	G	D	S	G
Thermoplastics . .	616	302	314	683	315	368
LAB	125	30	95	144	90	54
Caprolactam . . .	80	18	62	90	18	72
MEG	90	24	66	105	24	81

D-Demand S-Supply G-Gap